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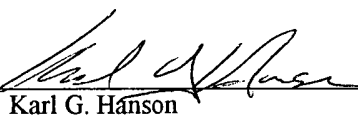
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Please be advised that the Filing Receipt for the above-identified application contains an error. A photocopy of the Filing Receipt with the correction noted thereon is enclosed.


As reflected in the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed on May 14, 2001 (copy enclosed), the first line of the Domestic Priority data should read as: THIS APPLICATION IS A CON OF 08/240,877 05/11/1994.

Correction of the records at the United States Patent and Trademark Office and issuance of a corrected Filing Receipt are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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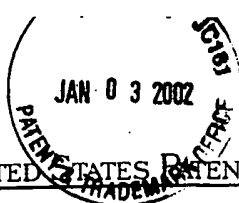
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, lines 8-10, delete the sentence that was inserted in that location and replace it with the following:

This is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/240,877 filed May 11, 1994, which is a division of Application No. 07/981,244, filed November 25, 1992 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,325,892), which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 07891,289, now abandoned.

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REMARKS

You will find attached a copy of the first page of a Transmittal Letter that was filed in this application. As the Transmittal Letter indicates, applicants indicated that this application was a "divisional" of prior pending application 08/240,877 filed on May 11, 1994. Rather than checking the "divisional" box, applicants should have indicated that the present application is a "continuation" application. This same error was made in the Preliminary Amendment dated April 18, 2001. Accordingly, the present application should be considered to be a continuation application rather than a divisional application and the claim to priority in this case should be corrected.

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